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Advisory Action	Application No. 09/242,814	Applicant(s) ENARI ET AL.	
	Examiner AHMED ELALLAM	Art Unit 2662	

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THE REPLY FILED 12 October 2004 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.

PERIOD FOR REPLY [check either a) or b)]

- a) ☒ The period for reply expires 3 months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
b) ☐ The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.
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1. ☐ A Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal.
2. ☒ The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because:
(a) ☒ they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
(b) ☐ they raise the issue of new matter (see Note below);
(c) ☐ they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
(d) ☐ they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: see continuation.

3. ☐ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.
4. ☒ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) 15, 17, 18, 23 and 24 would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
5. ☐ The a) ☐ affidavit, b) ☐ exhibit, or c) ☐ request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: _____.
6. ☐ The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.
7. ☒ For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendment(s) a) ☒ will not be entered or b) ☐ will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.

The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:

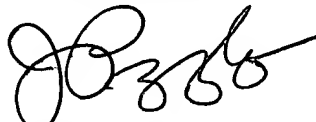
Claim(s) allowed: _____.

Claim(s) objected to: 15, 17, 18, 23 and 24.

Claim(s) rejected: 1-14, 16, 19-22, 25-27.

Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____.

8. ☐ The drawing correction filed on _____ is a) ☐ approved or b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
9. ☒ Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). 08/06/04.
10. ☐ Other: _____


JOHN PEZZLO
PRIMARY EXAMINER

Continuation:

Claims 5 and 6 as amended are missing the limitation of "the conversion means comprises auxiliary means...". The omission of the conversion means as being comprising the auxiliary means" changed the scope of the claims in the architectural sense. These change the scope of the claims and that would require an updated search and consideration. In addition, the added limitation (in bold letters) in the following phrase: "registering means for registering the information of the digital data **gathered from at least one information source to a server** in order to be sent out" raises new issue. This added limitation, introduced by Applicants to overcome the 112-second paragraph rejection, has changed the scope of the claim by having a server, a server that is clearly missing its function. Stated differently, the presence of the holding means for holding the digital data, and the server for the digital data to be sent out doesn't distinguish if the server function is different than that of the holding means.

Examiner had indicated in the final rejection under 112 second Paragraph: *"registering means for registering the information of the materials to be sent out". It is not clear what is meant by registering means for registering the information of the digital data to be sent out. More specifically, the specification involves several steps in conjunction with several entities that provide different stages of "registration", and that taking the limitation as a whole cast a doubt to what exactly meant by the registering means for registering the information to be sent out. The meaning is vague.*" (italics added).

In response to the Examiner 112 second paragraph rejection, Applicants lack argument with regard to the issue raised above, and that the limitation as amended "*registering means...*" is still subject to similar remarks as indicated above.

Claim 7 is subject to the same remarks indicated above with reference to 112-second paragraph rejections.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to AHMED ELALLAM whose telephone number is (571) 272-3097. The examiner can normally be reached on 9-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kizou Hassan can be reached on (571) 272-3088. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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